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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO.                     TOPIC Troop Movements in the Area of Riesa and the Zeithain Troop Training GroundsEVALUATION            25X1 PLACE OBTAINED            25X1           

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- 25X1 1. On 2 April 1954, material from the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne (1802), in Riesa was  
 25X1 entrained at Riesa railroad station. Observed were 18 T-34/85 tanks             
 25X1            and 9 JS-2 tanks             
 25X1            At about 11 a.m. on 2 April, a column of 10 to 15 trucks including  
 25X1 radio and equipment trucks with field equipment, ration supplies and coal, with  
 25X1 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, moved toward Grossenhain from Riesa.  
 25X1 The column was followed by BA-64 armored scout cars            At about 7 a.m.  
 25X1 on 3 April, the following vehicles left Riesa toward Grossenhain, presumably  
 25X1 coming from the Hudra Kaserne (1801): BA-64 armored scout car            armored  
 25X1 personnel carriers            4 trucks including  
 25X1            towing 57-mm AT guns. Trucks            towing 37-mm AA  
 25X1 guns and each carrying about 8 to 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 25X1  
 25X1 6 trucks each mounting an AA machine gun and            25X1  
 25X1            about 16 trucks loaded with ammunition boxes and            25X1  
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 25X1            about 20 to 25 other trucks            25X1  
 25X1            a bulances and tank  
 25X1 trucks
- 25X1 2. Between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on 31 March, the following columns left Zeithain troop  
 25X1 training grounds toward Grossenhain:  
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 25X1 First column: 7 workshop trucks             
 25X1            jeeps            armor-  
 25X1 ed scout cars            and armored personnel carriers             
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- 25X1 Second column: 8 to 10 trucks             
 25X1            loaded with beams.  
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- 25X1 Third column: 11 armored personnel carriers             
 25X1            3-wheel armored personnel carriers             
 25X1            and half-track armored personnel carriers             
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- 25X1 Fourth column: 25 to 30 trucks             
 25X1            and jeeps and tank trucks             
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- 25X1 Fifth column: armored personnel carriers             
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Birth column: 3 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns [redacted]  
[redacted] 3 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns including [redacted] 3 trucks towing  
an AAA machine gun each. 20 to 25 radio trucks, a utility truck and workshop  
trucks [redacted] and 6 to 8 tank trucks  
[redacted]



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Vehicles identified on route to and from the troop training grounds included  
[redacted] each carrying a colonel (arab) and trucks



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At about 7 a.m. on 2 April, 38-2 tanks [redacted]  
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from Camp Zeithain were loaded at Roderau railroad station.

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At about 8 a.m. on 5 April, 4 T-34/85 [redacted]  
arrived at Zeithain troop training grounds from the direction of Uschitz.  
[redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 108th Tank Regt  
of the 9th Tank Div. As tank units from Riesa reached the Zeithain troop training  
grounds mostly by road, the shipment concerned cannot be interpreted.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted] the bulk of the  
two units belongs to the 9th Tank Div. The movements observed on the morning of  
31 March were presumably linked with a division exercise of the 9th Tank Div.  
The 8th Gdr Mech Div conducted a division exercise in the same area [redacted]

